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LOTTERIES AND LUCK

TRICKS THAT HAVE BEEN PLAYED BY FICKLE FORTUNE.

Some Instances That Aptly Illustrate the Truth of the Old Adage That There Is Many a Slip 'Twixt the Cup and the Lip.

There are few things with which romance is more closely connected than the distribution of lottery prizes, and there can be no doubt that we Britons are all the better off because of the illegality of holding lotteries in the United Kingdom. A big lottery must disappoint hundreds of thousands while it enriches one winner, who often finds that his hastily acquired wealth results in doing him more harm than good.

A short time ago the first prize in one of the Italian state lotteries, which amounted to some £8,000, fell to a peasant who, with his wife, had actually died of starvation within a few hours of the drawing of the prize.

Owing to a dream in which a peasant had the presentiment that a certain number would be on the ticket which would win the splendid prize, he scraped all his money together and purchased not the ticket he wanted, because it was already sold, but one which bore the same numerals, differently arranged. Then he and his wife fell on desperately hard times, which eventually closed upon them in death from sheer starvation, for he had tried and failed to sell his lottery chance, which was the last thing left to him.

When the drawing came on, he won the first prize of £8,000, but as he was dead and no next of kin could be discovered the prize was raffled for again, when it fell to swell the purse of an Italian banker who already was possessed of vast wealth.

A German lady living in Brunswick had a fancy that a certain ticket would win a prize in a lottery in which the first prize was £15,000. It may seem strange, but it is vouched for as being perfectly true, that she so altered her opinion as to the chances of her ticket winning a prize that she bartered it away for a new hat from her milliner within a few days of having purchased it.

This was a melancholy exception to the rule that "second thoughts are always best." The ticket which she had exchanged for a hat, possibly worth a couple of guineas, succeeded in capturing the first prize of £15,000, and the milliner, who considered he had run his risks, absolutely refused to palliate his customer's bitter disappointment by anything beyond the payment of a few pounds, which were dragged from him by hollow threats of legal action.

On one occasion the first prize in an Italian lottery, amounting to nearly £5,000, fell to a man who had died three days before the raffle, the second prize of £2,000 fell to a lady who had sold her lucky ticket at the eleventh hour, and the third prize of £1,000 to a private soldier who, on hearing of his good fortune, drank himself mad and then committed suicide. For want of claimants who could establish their claims satisfactorily, the first and third prizes were again raffled for, and this time they both fell to the same person—the owner of one of the largest private estates in Austria, who was quite indifferent about the addition to his already huge fortune.

Silly superstitions play an important part in the buying and selling of lottery tickets, and it is no uncommon thing for a person who fancies a certain number to buy it at a price equal to hundreds of times its original cost, and many of those who indulge in this kind of speculation with the fixed idea of gain generally discover that it is an expensive game.

A German banker conceived the idea that the first prize in a certain lottery would fall to the holder of a ticket on which the figure three stood either alone or with others. So greatly impressed was he with this belief that he bought up every ticket that bore the numeral three, a little deal which cost him some thousands of pounds, because many of the tickets he fancied were held by persons to whom he had to pay fancy prices.

One of these persons when approached on the matter refused to sell his ticket unless the banker purchased a complete bundle of 20, of which he was anxious to get rid. The banker did not wish to do this, as there was only one ticket bearing a three in the bundle, but he ultimately consented, took the ticket he wanted and gave the vender back all the others. Great must have been his annoyance on discovering later that the first prize had not fallen to him, but had been won by one of the tickets he had bought and scorned.—London Tit-Bits.

Nobody's Mother.

There is r story told on one of the circuits, which may or may not have seen the light of print already, of how not long ago a very young barrister rose to examine one of his witnesses with an unaccountably hazy notion of her identity. "I think that you are the prisoner's mother?" he began.

"Certainly not, sir," was the unexpected answer.

Turning hurriedly to his brief, he thought he had found the reason for her evident annoyance. "Ah, yes," he continued, "I see, you are the prosecutrix's mother?"

"Certainly not," came her reply, still more emphatically.

"Then whose mother are you?" he demanded, almost in despair, and she fairly boiled over with indignation as she retorted: "Nobody's, sir. I am a single woman."—St. James Gazette.

Farreaching.

Nelly—I don't see how getting one's feet wet causes toothache.

Jack—You don't? If you had ever had a tooth pulled, you would know that the roots run clear to your toes.—Tacoma Ledger.

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LIVING IN THE COUNTRY.

The Growing Fondness For Rural Life a Good Sign.

In The Ladies' Home Journal Edward Bok, with much satisfaction, notes the strong tendency to country living and believes that "it is one of the best signs of the times. Nothing in the world can keep a man or woman so young and fresh as to be able to be in touch each day with the perpetual freshness and youth of nature. Suburban life means more out of door living, and that is what we Americans all need. We want more exercise, and suburban living makes that easier. We want our interest in things kept fresh, and that nature does for us as nothing else can.

"The more our busy men see of nature's restful ways the more restful will they become. The closer we keep our children to the soil the healthier will they be physically and the stronger will they develop mentally. The more our girls breathe in the pure air which God intended for all, but which man in the cities pollutes, the better women we shall have, the fewer worried mothers we shall see. The more our young men see of out of door sports the more clearly will they realize the greatness of splendid physical health.

"The more the tired housewife sees of flowers and plants and trees the closer will become her interest in all things natural and simple, and, as she sees the simplicity with which nature works unconsciously, will the lesson be forced upon her and enter into her own methods. We all agree that there is no teacher like nature herself. Let us all, then, get as close to her as possible. Whatever she teaches is wholesome to the mind and uplifting to the soul and strengthening to the body. In the very act of studying her wonderful ways there is health."

THE ALBATROSS.

A Bird of Majestic Aerial Velocity and Insatiable Appetite.

Out of the blue void the albatross comes unhasting on motionless pinions, yet at such speed that one moment a speck hardly discernible, turn but your eyes away, and ere you can again look round he is gliding majestically overhead. Nothing in nature conveys to the mind so wonderful an idea of effortless velocity as does his calm appearance from vacancy. Like most of the true pelagic birds, he is a devourer of offal, the successful pursuit of fish being impossible to his majestic evolutions. His appetite is enormous, but his powers of abstinence are equally great, and often for days he goes without other nourishment than a drink of the bitter sea. At the Gargantuan banquet provided by a carcass of a dead whale he will gorge himself until incapable of rising from the sea, yet still his angry scream may be heard as if protesting against his inability to find room for more provision against hungry days soon to follow.

Despite his incomparable grace of flight when gliding through midair with his mighty wings outspread, when ashore or on deck he is clumsy and ill at ease. Even seated upon the sea, his proportions appear somewhat ungainly, while his huge hooked beak seems too heavy to be upheld. On land he can hardly balance himself, and the broad silky webs of his feet soon become lacerated. Thus his visits to the lone and generally inaccessible rocks which are his breeding places are as brief as may be, since even conjugal delights are dearly purchased with hunger and painful restraint. A true child of the air, land is hateful to him, and only on the wing does he appear to be really at home and easeful.—London Spectator.

Cruel Captain!

It would not occur to many people that a voyage in one of the swan boats which sail the little pond in the public garden of a New England city could be attended with horrors, but that idea was firmly fixed in the mind of a small maiden of 7 years.

"Would you like a ride in one of the swan boats, Marjorie?" asked the little maid's aunt as they crossed the bridge over the pond one day.

"No, indeed," said Marjorie, with sudden shrinking. "I couldn't bear to see them throw the babies in.

"The man says that's what he does," she asserted with rising excitement as her aunt looked much perplexed. "Hear him! He's saying it now."

Her aunt listened, and of a truth the man's statement, viewed from Marjorie's standpoint, was far from reassuring.

"Take a ride in the swan boats," he called loudly from the landing. "Grown folks, 10 cents; children, 5," and then, with a deceptive smile, he added, "Babies thrown in."—Youth's Companion.

Napoleon In Evergreen.

The great Napoleon, done in evergreen, is the unique statue that stands in the garden of M. d'Aguilleres, in the suburbs of Paris. The statue is a perfect model of the "little corporal" in characteristic attitude, wearing a cocked hat and sword and snuffbox in hand. The features are very lifelike.

The greatest care is necessary in order to preserve the likeness, and the artist gardener spends considerable time in clipping off dead leaves and cutting away an occasional branch. The signature of Napoleon is reproduced at the foot of the statue in flowers.—Paris Letter.

Her Maiden Aim.

Hoax—So young Goldrox has taken a wife. What was her maiden name?

Joax—Her maiden aim seems to have been to marry Goldrox, and she proved an unusually good shot for a woman.—Philadelphia Record.

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A DRAMATIC CLIMAX.

The Effect of One Woman's Pathetic Eyes on a Jury.

That juries are affected by handsome and languishing eyes is proved by a remarkable experience of the greatest advocate at the New York bar, the late James T. Brady. He was counsel for a young woman in a case involving an attempt to break a will.

His client sat by his side. She was a very beautiful young woman whose eyes seemed always to rivet the attention of those upon whom her glance fell. There was a pathetic expression which affected every one. She sat watching the jury during the course of the trial, and at last there was some complaint that she was attempting by means of her glances to excite the sympathy of the jury.

Then Mr. Brady arose and in one of the most touching and beautiful of all the addresses he ever made in court he spoke of the blessings which every one who had an appreciation of beautiful things and could see them enjoyed, and dwelt for some moments upon the happy lot of the jury who could see the budding of the flowers—it was then springtime—and the charms of nature; then, suddenly turning to his client, he said, "That blessing is denied my client, for, though she has eyes which seem to look upon you, gentlemen, there is no vision in them, for her sight has been taken from her."

She had been, in fact, the victim of total paralysis of the optic nerve, which had not impaired the beauty of her eyes, but had given to them that singular pathetic expression which she was thus falsely charged with employing that she might secure the sympathies of the jury.—Philadelphia Press.

THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

Its Abolition Is a Grievous Wrong to the Children.

This is an evil which has crept in with the tendency to centralize the schools. When in any place the schools begin to overflow, a movement to put up a larger building takes place, accompanied by an effort to create a high school department, not so much the need of the community as the ambitious dream of some principal who would be superintendent or some sort of central sun to a group of satellites.

This dream is too easily realized, because it flatters the people. Then there rises a preposterous structure of stone and brick. A house of many gables, out of keeping with everything, either public or private, in the place; a temple of vanity. Now is rung the knell of the school playground, for the new "high school," although it will house all the children from 5 to 15, must needs be surrounded by a fine lawn, studded with shrubbery and threaded by bluestone roads. The janitor has to employ an assistant to keep the grounds in order.

A shut in, penitentiarylike place has been evolved by the architect and school committee, gratifying to their pride and a deep wrong to the children. There are many wrongs about it. The one insisted upon here is the abolishing of the recess, that time honored joy of the American schoolboy and schoolgirl.—Isabella G. Oakley in Popular Science Monthly.

Music and Eating.

I dined the other day at a restaurant where the dinner is served to the accompaniment of an orchestra. We had "King Cotton" with the oysters and rag time with the soup. Then the orchestra slid into that always beautiful intermezzo of "Cavalleria Rusticana." They played it much more slowly than I remember ever to have heard it before. The head waiter fidgeted and gnawed his lip. There was misery in his eye. At last he disappeared in the direction of the musicians, and a moment later the intermezzo began to gallop along, presto, prestissimo, and at the end of it the orchestra struck up a two step. The head waiter came back relieved.

"We can't have slow music here, madam," he said to me when I asked him about it. "We'd never get through, and I wants to get off early. People eats too slow when they plays slow music."

And when I looked around I saw that knives, forks and spoons were moving to the tempo of the twostep. Everybody was hurrying. The head waiter knew what he was about.—Washington Post.

The Retort Courteous.

Father O'Leary, a well known Roman Catholic priest and wit, was on very friendly terms with his neighbor, the Church of England vicar. They met on the road one day, when the vicar said excitedly, "Oh, Father O'Leary, have you heard the awful news?"

"No," says the priest, "what is it, at all?"

"Something awful," says the vicar. "The bottom has fallen out of purgatory, and all the Catholics have tumbled into hell!"

"Oh, dear, oh, dear," says Father O'Leary, "what a crushing the poor Protestants must have got!"—London Chronicle.

An Explanation.

Little Dot—Mamma, I was playing with your best tea set while you were away, and when you bring it out for company you'll be shocked, 'cause you'll think one of the cups has a hair in it, but it isn't a hair.

Mamma—What is it?

Little Dot—It's only a crack.—Pick Me Up.

A Handicap.

Corson—Do you think trained nurses should be pretty?

Hillebrand—Not if they are expected to follow their calling permanently.—Philadelphia North American.

And Ministerial Too.

The Bachelor—Well, how did your battle with the coquette come out?

The Newly Made Benedict—It was a tie.—Syracuse Herald.

He Meant Well

The trial of a doctor's suit was published in a Connecticut newspaper some years ago, in which a witness was called for the purpose of approving the correction of the doctor's bill. The witness was asked by the lawyer whether the doctor did not make several visits after the patient was out of danger. "No," replied the witness, "I considered the patient in danger so long as the doctor continued his visits."—The Sanitarian.

HER NAME AT THE TOP

"U. S. S. BROOKLYN" WENT ABOVE "H. M. S. SPHINX."

A Heroic Feat at Muscat by Some of Uncle Sam's Old Time Jack Tars That Thrilled the Hearts of a Whole Ship's Crew.

There was once another Brooklyn, the forerunner of the present armored cruiser, but the old Brooklyn, which, during the civil war, gained the name of the "Butcher Shop," had no resemblance to the floating fortress that hurled destruction into the fleet of Admiral Cervera.

The old ship bore a great spread of canvas and had but auxiliary steam power. Her lofty masts and creaking yards would seem singularly out of place today, but they served their purpose in their own time. Her open deck, with double row of muzzle loading, smoothbore guns, looked like a scene from a mediæval drama, and when she went to sea the flapping of the sails and the snap of the cordage were not an unwelcome lullaby to those who slept beneath her cool white decks.

This old Brooklyn sailed one day from New York, bound upon a roving cruise and came in time to the Azores islands, whence she sailed for Lisbon and Gibraltar and, passing through the Mediterranean and the Suez canal, steamed slowly down the scorching Red sea. A stop at Aden for a day or two made her ready for a journey to the Persian gulf, but when the gulf of Ormaz was reached the skipper thought to take a look at Muscat, and so the course was shaped for the capital of the son of Abraham, whose forefathers for hundreds, nay, thousands, of years, had been sheiks of the desert.

In all her journey the good ship had entered not a port where the proud cross of St. George could not be seen from the staff of a British man-of-war, but here at Muscat it was thought that at least our flag would be the only token of western civilization in evidence. But it was not so, for, as the Brooklyn rounded a high promontory that shut in the little harbor, there, lying at anchor, was seen the English gunboat Sphinx with her milk white flag floating above her.

Muscat had much that was strange and weird to interest the Americans, but neither the palace of the sultan, with its double wall, between the two parts of which are kept the tigers whose duty it is to guard the palace at night, nor the imperial harem's grim exterior, nor the gorgeous apparel of the sultan himself had half the attraction for the westerners that the grim, sheer face of the promontory that shuts in the harbor had; for there upon the bleak wall of this towering height were painted the names of many ships, and high above them all, in a place that seemed inaccessible, were the words, "H. M. S. Sphinx."

The men of the Brooklyn stared at that name day after day, until it seemed burned into their brains, and the spirit of emulation grew within them.

The night before the Brooklyn was to sail for Persian waters there were evidences of a secret movement among the crew, and after the night had fallen still and black a boat pulled off from the vessel's side, and with muffled oars made rapidly for the shore. It carried many things of various sorts, and among them a lantern, whose tiny glimmer those on the ships watched with bated breath as it reached the shore and slowly began the ascent of the promontory. Now it would disappear and then glitter again like a star of hope and comfort, and so it went slowly on, ever up and up the face of the outlined precipice.

The hours dragged slowly by, and it was far into the night when a tired boat's crew clambered slowly over the Brooklyn's side and dropped exhausted into their hammocks for a short sleep before the call of "all hands" in the morning.

The Brooklyn sailed away just as the sun began to show above the eastern horizon, and as she swung upon her course and stood for the waters of the open gulf a cheer burst from the throats of the whole ship's company. For there, in great letters of white that caught the warmth of the rising sun, far above the name of her majesty's ship Sphinx, far above the highest name of all, could be seen the legend "U. S. S. Brooklyn."

And there today, looking down upon the tiger guarded palace and the harem of the sultan, ever before the Arabs and the Beloochistanese of the tiny sultanate, still gleams the magic name that Schley and Cook once again made famous and that shall endure in history when Muscat itself shall be forgotten.—Washington Post.

How a Frog Hibernates.

According to Simon Henry Sage, the frog does not hibernate in leaves or the trunks of trees, but in a dry hole in the ground not likely to freeze. He scratches the hole with his hind feet and enters backward. Once inside, there is apparently no trace of the fact outside. Frogs found under frozen leaves are still able to move about. Mr. Sage has found hibernating frogs with their extremities and skin frozen, but their vital organs were still intact, and they recovered their activity on being liberated.—London Globe.

Sweethearts.

Mr. A. Ballard, B. A., LL. B., sends us the following from Oxford: "Your tale of the Italian prelate reminds me of the negro student who at one of our great missionary colleges was conducting family prayers, and in an outburst of enthusiasm prayed, 'Give us all pure hearts, give us all clean hearts, give us all sweet hearts,' to which all the congregation replied, 'Amen.'"—London Chronicle.

English farthings are no longer likely to be mistaken for half crowns, for now they are minted not only of a different size and design, but even of a different color, being a dull bronze.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompied by hemorrhages: and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consuption, Coughs and Colds He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at Dr. H. Vaughan's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

THE SASSAFRAS PLANT.

From It May Be Brewed a Pleasant Tea and a Good Mucilage.

A correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier says of the sassafras plant: "The whole plant is valuable for its medicinal properties. The root makes an excellent tea, spicy and fragrant, and has alterative virtues quite as good as the sarsaparilla. The stalks have an inner pith that, although tedious to extract much of it, when scraped out and put into cold water and agitated for a few moments with a spoon forms a most thick and tenacious mucilage, retaining a delicate flavor of the smell of the sassafras and is a bland and soothing drink in fevers, when the mouth is dry and great thirst exists. It is frequently retained gratefully when plain water is ejected.

It is astonishing how mucilaginous a small quantity of this pith makes a tumbler of water, which becomes thick, as gum arabic water. A mere teaspoonful of the pith taken out of the small green branches of the bush will make three or four tumblerfuls of thick mucilage.

For inflamed eyes this mucilaginous water is very soothing and curative and has long been used for all forms of inflammation of delicate tissues, but is so simple that it is ignored by the profession.

The oil of sassafras, which is made from the root as well as other parts of the plant, makes a splendid liniment for pains and aches in combination with turpentine in proportion of one-third of the former to two-thirds of the latter. Other stimulating tinctures, such as spirits of ammonia, are sometimes added, but the chief ingredient of the highly itinerant quacks are composed principally of sassafras oil, which is really pungent and effective.

THE PRICE OF PEPPER.

It Helped to Change the History of the Old World.

In the sixteenth century all the pepper consumed in England was bought by the English merchants from the Dutch, who brought it from India. Owing to racial jealousy, the Dutch traders in 1599 raised the cost from 3 shillings to 6 shillings per pound. This petty display of ill feeling caused considerable annoyance to the English merchants and aroused in them that feeling of independence which has always been so characteristic of our race.

They determined to import their pepper direct from India in their own ships, and for this purpose formed a company, called the Governor and Company of Merchants of London Trading to the East Indies, and which in latter days became eventually known as the East India company.

Their first voyages embroiled them in almost innumerable quarrels with the Dutch and Portuguese, and for a time the venture proved a financial failure. It was not until 1615 that the company became successful and obtained lucrative treaties, owing to their decisively defeating the Portuguese.

From this time on their possessions gradually increased, slowly at first, and then very rapidly, until, by the wise and beneficial management of such men as Clive, Warren Hastings and Cornwallis, they exercised sovereignty over the greater portion of India.

In this manner it happened that an increase in the price of pepper momentously affected the history of mankind.—London Standard.

A Shining Mark.

A lady, grievously tormented with a corn on her toe, was advised by one of her friends to anoint it with phosphorus, which in a weak moment she did, but forgot to tell her husband before retiring at night. It had just turned 12 when the husband awoke, and was startled to see something sparkling at the foot of the bed.

He had never heard of a firefly in the locality, nor did he ever remember seeing such a terrible looking object as the toe presented. Reaching carefully out of bed till he found one of his slippers he raised it high in the air and brought it down with great force upon the mysterious light.

A shriek and an avalanche of bedclothes, and all was over. When at last he released himself from the bedclothes, he discovered his wife groaning in a corner of the bedroom, but she had not got that phosphorated corn.—London Answers.

Weather Forecasts.

The first attempt at scientific forecasting of the weather was the result of a storm which during the Crimean war, Nov. 14, 1854, almost destroyed the fleets of France and England. As a storm had raged several days earlier in France Vaillant, the French minister of war, directed that investigations be made to see if the two storms were the same and if the progress of the disturbances could have been foretold. It was demonstrated that the two were in reality one storm and that its path could have been ascertained and the fleet forewarned in ample time to reach safety.

Qualified to Do It.

"Did you know," said the tooth carpenter, looking up from his paper, "that the Indians practiced dentistry in the earliest times?"

"I didn't know it," replied the man who had once sat in a dentist's chair, "but I am not at all surprised. The Indians have always been a brutal and cruel race."

Then he laughed gleefully, forgetful of the fact that there was still time for the dentist to add $15 or $20 to his bill.—Chicago Post.

Where Our Language Stumbles.

"There is positively the dumbest man I ever saw. Why, that fellow doesn't know anything."

"And yet he is chief assistant in his wife's intelligence office."—Chicago News.

The Rose Is Ancient.

Every continent on the globe, with the exception of Australia, produces wild roses. There can be little doubt that the rose is one of the earth's oldest flowers. In Egypt it is depicted on a number of very early monuments, believed to date from from 3000 to 3500 B. C. Rosewater, or the essence of roses, is mentioned by Homer in the "Iliad," and the allusion made to the flower in the Proverbs of Solomon indicates that it had already been long known.

A MISTAKE IN THE BIRD MARKET.

A Persian in the market place
Longed for and so took home a wren.
Yes, his was but a common case;
Such always are the ways of men.

Once his, the brown bird pleased him not;
Almost he wished it would take wing.
He loosed the cage door and forgot
The dark, unsinging, lonely thing.

Night came and touched with wind and dew
(Alone there in the dim moonshine)
A rose that at the window grew—
And, oh, that sudden song divine!

His children started from their sleep,
Their orient eyes with rapture lit.
Their pale young mother hid to weep:
Their father did not care a whit.

He only heard the impassioned wail
From that small prison overhead.
"My wren is but a nightingale!
I'll wring its noisy throat!" he said.
—Sarah Platt in Century.

WHAT A WORK IS MAN!

The Human Body the Most Wonderful Thing In the World.

Human beings are of all sizes, but the tall man is less common than the short. Only one in every 208 exceeds the height of six feet. For every foot of stature a man should weigh from 26 to 28 pounds, a proportion that is not the lot of all in these hurrying, scurrying days. An average sized man weighs 140 pounds; a woman 125 pounds. Curiously enough, the mean weight and height of lunatics are below those of sane people. Another unexpected thing in this respect is that a negro's skeleton weighs more than that of an Englishman.

The vitalizing power is the blood, a drop of which takes but 22 seconds to go the round of the body. There passes through the heart once every three minutes an amount of this precious fluid equal to all that is contained in the body. The mileage of the blood circulation reveals some astonishing and undreamed of truths. It is estimated that, assuming the average speed of the heart to be 69 beats a minute, the blood travels 207 yards in 60 seconds. In other words, 7 miles an hour, 168 a day, or 6,320 per year.

If a man of 84 could have one single blood corpuscle floating in his blood all his life, it would have traversed in that period no less than 5,150,808 miles. The average weight of the brain of an adult male is 3 pounds 8 ounces, of a female 2 pounds 8 ounces. The woman's brain begins to decline in weight after the age of 30, the man's not till ten years later. According to high authorities the nerves, with their branches and minute ramifications connecting with the brain, exceed 10,000,000 in number.

The palms of the hands and soles of the feet are composed of cushions of fat, in order that sudden jolts and violent blows may be successfully resisted and no injury done to the muscles and bones underneath. The muscles—of which the tongue monopolizes 11—and bones of the human structure in combination are capable of more than 1,200 different motions.

The teaching of experience indicates that accidents are far more likely to occur to the right leg and arm than to the left. Further evidence of this fact is supplied by the makers of artificial limbs. They dispose of many more appendages to the right side of the body than to the other. Statistics show that in 54 cases out of 100 the left leg is stronger than the right.

If a man could move his legs proportionally as fast as an ant, he would travel not far from 800 miles an hour.—London Mail.

A Curious Case of Somnambulism.

The modern novelist is very prone to found his plots on the doings of sleepwalkers and hypnotists, but, as usual, "truth is stranger than fiction," and his efforts are outdone by actual occurrences. Here, for example, is a true story from France of a gentleman missing from his bedroom a packet containing more than £2,000 worth of bonds. The thief could not be traced, but shortly afterward the mistress of the house, who had taken the robbery to heart even more than her husband, was taken to a doctor, for she was suffering from nervous prostration.

The doctor, a firm believer in hypnotism, was told of the robbery and, putting two and two together, hypnotized his patient and extorted a confession from her that she had taken the bonds and buried them in the garden. There, upon search being made, they were found, but the lady is as yet quite ignorant of the fact that she herself was the person who hid them.—Chambers' Journal.

Where Early Planting Is Desirable.

"I tell a well meaning but perhaps not yet perfectly persistent young friend, who asks me about it," said Mr. Staybolt, "that there is no such thing as an incubator that will hatch out eagles from dollars while you wait; that the only way indeed in which a money crop can be raised is by the most careful and constant cultivation, and I venture to remind him, being young and with the world yet before him, that this is a crop in which it is desirable to begin planting early in order to produce the best results."—New York Sun.

Took the Hint.

"I dearly love birds," he gently sighed, and then she didn't do a thing but hasten to the open piano and softly began singing. "I wish I were a bird."

They are looking for a nest now.—Yonkers Statesman.

Length and Breadth.

Mrs. Billus—Well, I'm glad we went. Foreign travel does broaden one's mind so!

Mr. Billus—And shortens his bank account.—Chicago Tribune.

The quorum which ratified the United States constitution for Pennsylvania was secured by abduction and held behind locked doors.

"Trivial" is derived from the Latin for three ways, and means the petty gossip of the crossroads.

Life insurance is a good thing but health insurance, by keeping the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, is still better.

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The first of the present series of personally-conducted tours to Old Point Comfort, Richmond and Washington via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, January 28th.

Tickets, including transportation, meals en route in both directions, transfers of passengers and baggage, hotel accommodations at Old Point Comfort, Richmond and Washington, and carriage ride about Richmond—in fact, every necessary expense for a period of six days—will be sold at rate of $34.00 from New York, Brooklyn and Newark; $32.50 from Trenton; $31.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 3.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

Local News.

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—December 1898 is reported to have been the coldest December for 23 years. There were 17 clear days in the month.

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—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—Bunyan's Band which has been in the neighboring towns passed through Middletown on Saturday. They are five tract distributors and after the extra meeting propose to return here.

—The Executive Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society of the State of Delaware, will meet on next Monday in the Forest Presbyterian Church. A popular Christian Endeavor meeting will be held in the evening and will be addressed by Dr. Murray, Mr. J. H. Barnes, Miss Peacock and the Rev. F. H. Moore. All cordially invited.

—Report comes from Talbot county that the price of tomatoes for the season of 1899 has been advanced to $6.50 and $7 a ton by the packers themselves, so great is the competition among them. Growers had expected to demand but $6 a ton. A few years ago $5 a ton was all the packers were willing to contract for, and some of them tried to get discounts from that price, even after contracts had been made. "Rather than contract for less than $6," says a large tomato grower, "many of the growers would have refused to contract at all, preferring to take the run of the market. But at $6.50 a ton the growers will all contract."

—Rev. ———, pastor of the ——— at ———, was very agreeably surprised Saturday evening by the appearance of a wagon loaded with good things, which his congregation sent him. A large delegation of members from the three churches on his circuit took charge of the parsonage for the evening and left with the assurance that their kindness would long be remembered by their grateful recipients.—Ex. [Literally translated the above means that enough was gotten together for a supper and the good church people went and took a meal at the parsonage, leaving the pastor's family the scraps and the pastor's wife to clean house afterward.—Ed.]

—During the year 1898, Gov. Tunnell granted pardons and commuted sentences as follows: January 12th, removal of the whipping imposed in the sentence of Richard Mahon and William H. Crowley, convicted in New Castle county of larceny. March 3d, pardoned Nora Brinkley, convicted in Kent county of forgery. March 3d, pardoned Morris Gooding, convicted in New Castle county of larceny. June 8th pardoned James Cavanaugh, convicted in New Castle county of larceny. September 22d, commuted the sentence of William Fisher convicted in New Castle county of breaking in a dwelling with the intention to commit a felonious assault.

—The 52d annual meeting of the Kent County Mutual Insurance Company was held Tuesday at Dover. The following officers were elected: President, John W. Causey; vice president, C. S. Pennewill; Secretary and Treasurer, William Denney; Assistant Secretary, C. C. Fulton; Directors for three years, C. S. Pennewill, Charles B. Houston and Dr. James A. Hopkins. The annual statement of the company shows the losses by fire during the year to be $14,184,91; Surplus, $106,152,85; Amount of property insured, $8,134,786. The Company has made the largest gains since 1885. The annual dinner was served after the meeting at the Capital Hotel.

—Maryland and Delaware peach men have already commenced to discuss the peach outlook. So far as can be learned Kent growers are well satisfied with the present situation. Mr. John Bell says: The warm spells have been too short in duration to advance the buds and the fruit outlook is alright. The extreme cold snaps have kept the wood in fine condition. The Hagerstown Mail however, in the great Maryland mountain peach belt has this to say: A big section of a peach tree was brought to this office by Mr. Valentine, who has been a peach expert since 1866, and every bud but a few on the section was frozen hard and the peach dead and black. The trees from which the section was taken are on Sunny Hills in Valentine Addition. Whether this freeze has hurt the crop all over the county or not is not known. Probably it is damaged everywhere. From Delaware comes the following: An inspection made of the peach orchards in this vicinity shows that a large percentage of the buds in an advanced stage were frozen by the recent cold weather.—Chestertown Transcript.

—Mrs. Botkin's attorneys procured another delay until Jan., 23.

—The corporal punishment of Robert Steward has been remitted by the Board of Pardons. He was to have been whipped today.

—Mrs. Charles E. Jones, of Odessa, died at the residence of her mother in Havre de Grace, Md., Sunday evening in her 22d year.

—The young Missouri mules sold in town last Saturday by Jester & McDaniel brought from $175 to $230 a pair. The horses were sold for less price.

—John A. Lingo Monday succeeded State Auditor Lewis, who turned over the office to Mr. Lingo. The accounts are being settled by a committee from the General Assembly.

—William Taylor of Middletown has purchased forty acres of woodland near Kenton of Mrs Annie W. Jones for $1000 cash. The mill is in place, and it is expected to be in full operation by the middle of the week.—Ex.

—The traveling public as well as the citizens of Middletown will be glad to know that Mr. John P. McIntyre has released the National Hotel for another five years from March 25th next, his past management having rendered so general satisfaction. In the spring he will refit, put in steam heat, bath rooms, and other improvements.

—A local paper is often accused of bias in regard to giving personal notices—commenting on the coming and going of some and omitting others. The accusation is entirely wrong and unjust. The fault is with the people and not with the editor. He is always willing and even anxious to tell who comes and who goes, if he can find out, but a country paper cannot afford to have a score of salaried reporters and must depend on the people to some extent for such news. If you have visitors let us know who they are and where they come from; if anything happens in your vicinity let us know about it. You will find us as ready to notice one as the other, patrons or otherwise, friends or foes.

—G. G. Cameron, manager of R. G. Dun & Co's commercial agency in Wilmington, reports that the past year has been a prosperous one on the Delaware Peninsula, compared with previous years. During 1898 there were 21 failures in Delaware, with liabilities of $156,450: assets, $71,700. Eastern Shore of Maryland, 20 failures, liabilities, $46,640; assets, $28,500. Eastern Shore of Virginia, 6 failures, liabilities, $20,250; assets, $7550. There were 29 fewer failures in 1898 than in 1897. The comparative number of failures was, 1898. 47; 1897, 76; 1896, 97; 1895, 104; 1894, 113. Mr. Cameron reports that the farmers are in good financial condition, and that the banks have plenty of money.

—The Middletown post office was burglarized on Tuesday night and the expert manner of doing it would indicate that the operators were not amateurs. The office is in the Opera House building and entrance was effected by boring through the back door. A small auger hole was made in the safe at the lock and dynamite loosened the bolts. Entrance was then easy. The thieves got about $122.00 worth of stamps, chiefly twos; $27.00 government money, including $6.00 or $7.00 in pennies; and $6.00 school tax paid to Postmaster Jolls who is a member of the School Board, and had taken the money as an accommodation to taxables. The government will undoubtedly bear its loss since Mr. Jolls was no way at fault, having taken due diligence, etc. The burglars planned their escape beforehand. They took the horse and buggy of Mr. C. R. Clayton from his stables in advance and hitched it back. The horse became restless, broke his halter and was found the next morning roving around his old pasture lot. The thieves finding this team gone, forced entrance into the stables of Mr. Joseph Biggs, took his team which was found and returned to him next day from Porters. Nothing definite has been heard from them though it is surmised that they took the train at Newark, presumably south.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB.

A program of more than usual excellence and a large attendance were noteworthy features of last Tuesday's meeting.

Reports were read by both secretary and treasurer and some changes of the constitution discussed, also it was decided that the club year shall hereafter begin in October instead of February, and end with a business meeting in May, at which officers shall be elected for one year, the terms of those now in office being extended to May 1899.

"George I," not naturally a subject of great interest to the average club member, was so well handled by Mrs. Charles Derrickson that it added much to the pleasure of the afternoon, while Mrs. George Chamberlaine told of the gigantic speculation of his reign, "The South Sea Bubble," and the panic which followed when it burst, and told it in such a manner that a very vivid picture was brought before her hearers. In the closing article, "Oliver Goldsmith," Mrs. H. B. McDowell had an interesting subject and this combined with her charming style, resulted in a paper which will long be remembered by those present.

Next week the following articles will be read: "George II," Mrs. Merritt Willits" 'Earl of Chatham," Mrs. Richard Cochran; "George III," Miss Lucy Cochran; "William Pitt—Burke," Mrs. F. L. Bordley.

IN THEIR NEW HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brockson have this week moved into their new residence, cor South Broad and Green streets. Mrs Brockson drew the plans for the house and gave them to the architect, Mr. Marion Wood, of Wilmington, and the house was built after her plans. She is to be complimented on her ability as an amateur architect, as the house is very pretty and has every modern convenience. It has 10 rooms and each room is laid off with a view to comfort. Entering the front door you come into a wide hall and standing there you have a view of the rooms down stairs. Leading from the hall is a Queen Anne stairway. On the second floor the rooms are of medium size, having a sufficiency of windows which make the rooms look neat and airy, in fact there is a full quota of windows all over the house, 35 in all, and if the saying is true "sunshine is healthy" Mr. and Mrs. Brockson ought to enjoy good health in their new home.

The house is surrounded with a porch supported by colonial pillars; at the side porch there is an oval window with fancy glass pane, it acts as a ventilator for the hall and also gives an attractive appearance to the side view of the house. The roof of the house is very pretty and odd, it is gabled but very different from the ordinary gable roof. On the whole the house is very pretty and unique. Architect Wood brought eight workmen from Wilmington and the following were from town: Lemuel Lee, G. W. Price, Eugene Whitlock, Z. M. Roberts and R. L. Price. Mr. Harry Ingram is the contracting painter, the outside of the house is canary and white and inside it is oak grained. Mr. J. E. Glan is the paperhanger.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. George Stephens, of Philadelphia, visited friends in town the first of the week.

—Miss Schouler, of Elkton, Md., is visiting her cousin, Miss Martha Heaton.

—Miss Mary Bolton spent several days this week with friends in Millington, Md.

—Mrs. J. S. Crouch and Miss Bessie Crouch are visiting friends in Wilmington, Del.

—Miss Annie Cochran, of New York, is visiting Miss Lucy Cochran.

—Miss Mattie Knight, of Magnolia, Md., is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Penington, at "Lone Manor," near town.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Rothwell, Mr. Frank Tyson, of Philadelphia, and Miss Eugenia Beasten attended the funeral of their aunt, Miss Martha Green, on Monday.

—Mrs. Alexander Metten, of Fieldsboro, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Edward Farrel, in the Quaker City.

—Miss Martha Heaton visited her brother, Mr. Wilson Heaton, in the City of Brotherly Love over Sunday.

—Mrs. Frank Bailey and daughter Dorothy, are visiting Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., near town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stidham, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. James Collins at "Sunny Lawn."

—Mrs. May Draper Bailey has returned from a visit to the north.

—Sergeant George Stengle, who was a resident of Camp Tunnell, was a TRANSCRIPT caller this week.

—Mrs McKee and Miss McKee have returned from the Monumental City.

—Mr. J. Frank McWhorter who has been in Norfolk on a visit to his uncle the past two weeks is expected home to day.

—Mr. R. D. Hoffecker, Jr., associate editor of the Smyrna Times, is the guest of his friend, Mr. G. L. Townsend, Jr., of Odessa. The TRANSCRIPT had a pleasant call from them yesterday.

Bank Directors.

At the annual election of the stockholders of the Citizens Bank for Directors the following were elected: Joseph Biggs, Jacob B. Cazier, S. C. Biggs, Andrew Woodall, C. S. Ellison, N. J. Williams, G. W. Lockwood, Jesse L. Shepherd and A. H. Johnson. Subsequently the following officers were elected: President, Joseph Biggs; Vice President, J. B. Cazier; Cashier, Jno. S. Crouch; Teller, L. Darlington.

At the annual meeting at the Peoples' Bank the following Directors were elected: G. W. W. Naudain, G. M. D. Hart, Z. A. Pool, J. F. Eliason, J. C. Cruikshank, G. L. Townsend, J. B. Foard, G. F. Brady, R. T. Cann, Jr., and C. H. Salmon.

KENT COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

The marriage of Dr. Lester L Carlisle of Milford to Miss Helen Smithers of Frederica, will take place in the M. E. Church Frederica, on Thursday next, January 26th.

A number of children in the North Milford public schools have been suspended, because of having received the maximum of demerit marks. The authorities evidently believe in contamination and removal of the bad.

The Dover Index says: "W. N. Hinsley a milk dealer, who resides near town, had an exciting time with a burglar last Sunday night. Shortly after midnight Mrs. Hinsely was awakned by a noise and was surprised to find a burglar in the room. She asked him what he wanted in a manner loud enough to awake Mr. Hinsley, who jumped out of bed and grabbed the intruder, who started out of the room and down the stairway. A lively tussle ensued and the burglar escaped out a door that he had left open. He had previously been to the room of Mr. Cook, who drives the milk wagon and had secured $15. Mr. Cook was very hard to arouse and had undoubtedly been chloroformed. The burglar had selected a great deal of clothing, but left it all behind in his hurried escape. He, however, took Mr. Hinsley's coat, cap and boots and left his own. These will furnish a clue to work the case up."

CURRENT EVENTS.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

Dr. Chauncy M. Depew, the noted after-dinner orator has been chosen senator from New York, to succeed Senator Murphy, a Democratic representative. Connecticut has re-elected Senator Joe Hawley for a third term, while New Jersey is imitating New York and is getting its senators out of the Democratic band-wagon and putting them into the Republican procession, by chosing Hon. John Kean to fill Senator Smith's place.

After an illness of two weeks, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., died from heart failure at his home in Washington, Friday night, Jan. 13. Mr. Dingley contracted grip, which soon developed into pneumonia, with other complications, and for several days his life was despaired of. His strong vitality came to his rescue, and his physicians were hopeful of complete recovery, when a sudden setback took place. Mr. Dingley had been a member of Congress since 1881, and it was under his leadership in the House of the Fifty-fifth Congress that the Dingley Tariff Bill was passed.

Sam Jones, in a recent lecture at Cambridge, gave the following description of the condition of the church: Something has struck the church and struck it hard. Every time I walk down the aisle I say: "Tread softly, old fellow, you're among the dead.' The church of God has hobbobbled with dirty politics until God Almighty has almost said good bye to it. It's paralized. We preachers are trying to hold our own, that's all. I think the devil will get most of us, but he won't get much, that's one satisfaction. When the church began, one sermon converted 3,000 souls, now it takes about 3,000 sermons to convert one soul." - Dorchester Standard.

FLORIDA,

Fortnightly Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The midwinter exodus has begun. The discomforts and dangers of our Northern winter are directing attention to the sunny lands of the South.

The first Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia January 24.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, $48 00; Pittsburg, $53.00, and proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. Wm. Mullin has returned from a visit to Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Friends of Mr. Geo. Monro, of Co., M., recently ordered to Ft. Constitution, N. H., have received news of his serious illness—pneumonia. His mother has been allowed to be with him, and he is somewhat better.

Mr. Michael Gannon has purchased two houses on Jefferson street.

The late Mrs. M. A. Homan's house is offered for sale. Several have offered to buy it but the sum desired has not been reached as yet.

Rev. Mr. Jones, preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. The Misses Clark entertained him at Greenlea.

With deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Wm. Harlow, formerly of our town which occurred at her late home in Kibbe, Conn. of the grip.

It is reported Mr. Joseph Anderson contemplates putting up fish as well as tomatoes this year.

Houses are scarce here, and some renters are in difficulty being obliged to move and unable to find a house for rent.

Another storm, more water in the cellars and still no attention paid to the drainage of the streets. By request the attention of Commissioners is called to the dangerous condition of the board-walk on Clinton street.

Mr. F. C. Warner spent the week at his old home in Conn.

Mr. Thos. Cleaver, Superintendent of the Canal, stopped here on Wednesday en route for Philadelphia.

Miss F. Tybout, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. F. C. Warner.

Mr. Chas. Wingate is home for a few weeks.

Work has almost been suspended at the battery. There are, it is said, about eight men and twenty bosses employed.

Miss Katie Tugend while skating on the basin last week broke through the ice but was quickly rescued by Misses Alfred Messig and John Swanson.

Mrs. Geo. Green and Miss A. Schunder were in Wilmington this week.

It is said fishing with nets in the canal is carried on despite the injuction.

Mr. Caleb Price, of Chespeake City, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Shaeffer, of Chesapeake City, was in town this week.

Mr. Geo. B. Money was in Dover on Tuesday.

Mrs. Thompson left for her home in Bridgeport, Conn., on Wednesday accompanied as far as Philadelphia by her son-in-law, Rev. A. L. Lewis.

Mr. Donoho and son, of Chester, Pa., visited friends on Thursday.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church met in the session room on Wednesday evening. The subject of the evening was "My Country" and in honor of the occasion the room was decorated with numerous flags. A new organ of the Estey make has been placed in the session room and a trial was given it during the evening and it was decided to retain it instead of the Mason & Hamlin.

ODESSA NOTES.

Odessa is having an epidemic of contagious diseases. Hardly a family in town has escaped the mumps or grip or both and now chicken pox has made its appearance.

Stanley Stevens who has been home for several weeks, sick with grip, returned to his work in Philadelphia on Monday.

Malcolm Ford left for Newark, N. J., Monday. The rest of the family went a week before.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Aspril, Jr., attended the funeral of Miss Martha Green, from the residence of the Misses Beasten. Miss Martha was very well known here having spent many years of her life in Odessa

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rhoads attended the funeral of Mrs. Harlow, a sister of Mrs. Rhodes, from her late residence near Summit Bridge. Interment was at Glassgow.

Mr. George Heldmyer returned to Philadelphia on Monday He has been home since Christmas with a severe attack of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forest and son Geo spent several days this week with Mr. Forest's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris. They left for Wilmington on Thursday.

Dr. T. A. Enos, of Townsend, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. George Green, of Phila, was home Sunday and Monday.

Miss Emma Lord from near Port Penn was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris is in Wilmington. She expects to be away several weeks.

Mr. Joseph Brown came home from Delaware College, on sick leave, Wednesday night.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: William S. Bandy, John Green, Mrs. Annie McGlee. Mrs. Lizzie Filler, John West.

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The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company, and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight and is to end on the fifteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the city of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

ROBERT S. BAIRD, [L. S.]
JAMES M. MCCOMB, [L. S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
HORACE G. KNOWLES.

STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.
New Castle County;

Be it remembered, that on this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, personally come before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledge that they signed and sealed the said certificate for the purposes herein set forth, and that the same is their and each of their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, [L.S.]
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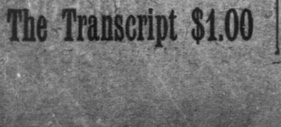

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Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

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Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN., 21 1899

MY MARYLAND.

(For other items under this heading turn to inside pages.)

Richard Brown met with a painful and serious accident while chopping wood on the farm of his brother, Frank Brown, near Iron Hill. The axe, which was new and sharp, in some manner slipped and in falling struck his boot, passed through the leather and severed the foot almost to the instep.

A correspondent in the Baltimore News, in reply to a question of another correspondent regarding the health of the Eastern Shore says. Certain sections of the Eastern Shore have been long noted for healthfulness, and the United State census reports of 1890 state that the healthiest area in the entire country has as its centre the village of Royal Oak, in Talbot county. Many people who have been entirely cured by remaining for some time in places on the bay shore, where the surrounding country was dry, and no marshy, swampy land was near. Care should be taken by invalids who contemplate going to the Eastern Shore for their health to select places close to tide water, and those points which are almost surrounded by water are the best, particularly if they are far removed from marshes and swamps. The section of the peninsula north of the Choptank river is the best fitted for invalids, and the small islands and necks along the bay shore are superior as health resorts to all other places. While many people afflicted with hay fever and asthma have been cured or greatly relieved by a sojourn there the reverse has been the case with others and nothing but a practical test will answer the question.

KENT COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to inside pages.)

The financial statement of Dover shows that there is a surplus in the General Fund of $165.60 which has not occurred for several years, in fact, for several years there has been a deficiency in this fund from $500 to $1,500. The balance on hand in the Water Fund is $1,469.87, and bond No. 10 of $1,000 is to be paid off, reducing the bonded indebtedness to $10,000. The town does not owe a dollar and the Water Works are worth three times the amount of the bonded indebtedness.

Somebody has been rifling the Delaware mails, and has been for months without detection. Frederick Clark, of Camden, mailed a large envelope, containing $200 or $300 worth of checks, to the Delaware Hardware Company. It never reached its destination. The money was saved by stopping payment on the checks, but some of the foreign checks were a dead loss. Richard C. Carrow, of Camden, sent a similar package to Wilmington some weeks ago and it disappeared. By stopping payment of the checks he saved several hundred dollars. There are other complaints of similar losses along the line of the Delaware railroad.

SUSSEX COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to inside pages.)

The largest band of gypsies ever seen in Sussex County, is now encamped at Mount Zion, three miles north of Laurel. They have some fine horses and wagons.

Now that the General Assembly is in session the question of water works for Laurel is again a current topic for discussion.

There seems a great scarcity of dwellings in Laurel. All of the tenements offered for rent have been snapped up, and on moving day several families found themselves houseless and were compelled to "double up." There are several tenements, designed for single families now sheltering two or three.

CURRENT EVENTS.

(For other items under this heading turn to inside pages.)

The new fast mail train established on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for the purpose of shortening the mail time between New York and San Francisco, made its initial run out Chicago on January 2. The average schedule speed of this train is 55 miles an hour, excluding stops, and frequently 70 miles an hour is made. The 500 miles between Chicago and Council Bluffs will be covered every day in ten and a half hours. The fast mail service on this line was inaugurated in 1884, and the Burlington has held the government contract ever since. Hereafter two Burlington trains will leave Chicago daily, devoted exclusively to United States mail, the increased service being necessary on account of our new interests in the Pacific.

Washington ... Letter

NOBODY realizes more fully than President McKinley that the revision of his testimony, eliminating the blackguardism, does not condone the disgraceful conduct of Gen. Eagan in personally abusing Gen. Miles, his superior officer—conduct which was aggravated by the furnishing to the Press Associations of advance type-written copies of the Billingsgate before it was uttered in the presence of the War Investigating Commission, but that revision will at least remove the dirty stuff from the official record. What else is to be done is yet to be determined, but it seems to be reasonably certain that something else will be done, and quickly.

The Senate will this week amend and pass the Morgan bill for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, and if the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce would drop the bunch of Canal bills it is wrestling with and report the Morgan bill, even with a few amendments, there would be a reasonable certainty of its becoming a law at this session. But, if that Committee reports an entirely new measure, as all the secret opponents of the Canal wish it to do, and as it seems likely to do, the chance of getting it through will certainly not be encouraging. It is either the Morgan bill or no bill at this session.

Gen. Ottis and Admiral Dewey, who certainly ought to know better than anybody else, do not expect a conflict with the Philippine insurgents. In their official reports to the Government they say that they have perfect control of the situation in and around Manila, and that they are gradually succeeding in making the rank and file of the insurgents understand that Americans are their best friends, not their enemies, as Aguinaldo has recently been trying to make them believe. As soon as that task is accomplished, the rest will be easy. Things will move faster over there after the treaty has been ratified.

All sorts of arguments are being advanced in all sorts of ways to arouse opposition to the acquisition of the Philippines by the U. S. One of the most unique being the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, to pay from his own bank account the $20,000,000 the treaty of peace calls for, if President McKinley will withdraw our soldiers and war ships and allow the Philippines to govern themselves. That offer is buncomb pure and simple. There are no circumstances under which the offer could be accepted, and nobody knows that any better than Mr. Carnegie. By the treaty of Peace, the Philippines pass from Spain, their recognized owner, to the U. S., which will be held responsible by the nations of the world for the protection of the interests of their citizens in the islands. Whatever may be decided upon, after we have learned more about the islands, the assumption of sovereignty over them by the U. S. is a present duty that cannot be shirked.

Representative Berry, of Ky., is not with the "aunties", as may be seen by the following, from a speech made by him: "While I have not in my own mind yet concluded what is best to be done with that new and beautiful country, down under the Equator, called the Philippine Islands, as much may be said by the people who occupy it. I am ready to listen to suggestions and to hear from men like Dewey and men like Otis, and others that are there representing the U. S., what their conclusions are as to the best course of the government of the U. S. towards these people, and having heard that, to give it and other circumstances full consideration. But, I do not propose, in spite of that treacherous scoundrel, Aguinaldo,—that scoundrel who was brought in a ship of Deweys from Hongkong to Manila—even in spite of the German Empire, to stop one moment in forming my conclusions as to what are the interests of the U. S., even if it involves the fact that we shall have to whip Germany as we did Spain."

Death can certainly be accused of having been partial to the New England delegation in Congress, when it snatches down so close together two such prominent men as Senator Morrill and Representative Dingley. The funeral of Mr. Dingley took place to-day, in the hall of the House of Representatives, in the presence of almost the same audience of prominent officials and persons, who attended the recent funeral of Senator Morrill, in the Senate Chamber. Mr. Dingley was not an orator, but he was a statesman of hard, horse sense, and wide experience, whose advice was always welcome in the highest republican councils, and usually followed. He knew the tariff as only half a dozen men have ever known it, and the present tariff, which bears his name, is a monument to the good use which he put his knowledge. A joint Congressional Committee left Washington, after the funeral with the remains, which will be interred in Maine.

The first contest in connection with the treaty of Peace was over the motion to consider it with open doors. There was no doubt of the fate of the motion at any time, as some of the strongest opponents of secret executive sessions had in former contests specially excepted treaties as the one thing that should be considered secretly.

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THE GRIP AND SULPHUR.

A correspondent of the Chicago News says: In my papers of December 23d, I find that there are supposed to be something like 100,000 cases of grip in New York City, and that it is also prevailing largely in Washington, Philadelphia and other cities, and is now threatening Boston. It is a fact that when it was prevailing as an epidemic largely in our city a few years ago I ascertained, by inquiry of the officers at Lyam's match factory that of the 43 persons employed there not one had been troubled by it.

I have at various times told the press how many at Memphis, Tenn. (including the agents of the Howard Benevolent Association.) escaped the terrible epidemic of yellow fever there (as they claimed) by wearing powdered sulphur in their shoes—also the evidence of a distinguished German medical writer, translated into English, that wearing sulphur in this way has proved a complete protection against cholera and other epidemic diseases; also, that those working the sulphur mines of Italy escape the malaria which prevails all about them; also, that sulphur in the shoes has cured various cases of rheumatism; also, that sulphur taken internally or worn in the shoes has sufficient power to pass though the the body, the clothing and the pocket-book, blackening the silver there.

I find in the London Lancet that no less authority than the president of the Institute of Civil Engineers of London declares that the sulphurous vapor produced by the combustion of coal in that city killed the disease germs in the atmosphere.

It seems to me a duty, at this time, to again suggest as widely as possible that sulphur is very cheap, and, whether it destroys or keeps out germs of disease from the body or only acts upon the imagination, it cannot do much harm to try it.

In Cold Weather.

"The golden rule for health in cold weather is to keep the extremities warm," said the family physician the other day, and he proceeded to tell how this may be done to the best advantage.

The first and most important rule for the carrying out of this idea is never to be tightly shod.

Boots or shoes that fit closely prevent the free circulation of the blood by pressure; but when, on the contrary, they do not embrace the foot too firmly the space left between the shoe and the stocking has a good supply of warm air.

The second rule is never to sit in damp shoes. It is often supposed that unless shoes are positively wet it is unnecessary to change them while the feet are at rest. This is a great fallacy, for when the least dampness is absorbed into the sole, in its evaporation it absorbs the heat from the foot and thus perspiration is dangerously checked.

This can be easily proved by trying the experiment of neglecting the rule. The feet will be found cold and damp after a few minutes, although on taking off the shoe and examining it, it will appear to be quite dry.

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For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

TO FIRST VOTERS.

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

International S. S. Lesson for January 22d, 1899.

Jesus and Nicodemus.—John 3:1-16.

Read the whole chapter.

Golden Text.—"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3: 16.

There must have been a great deal of talk about the wonderful things that Jesus was doing: how He had turned water into wine, and driven the trader out of the Temple with a whip. He was poor and despised by many people because He was a laboring man; and many hated Him because He was good and called Himself the Son of God.

There was one of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, who knew that Jesus came from God because no one else could do such miracles. Nicodemus belonged to the Council that afterward condemned Jesus to death, but he was not against Him, so he came to Him by night.

Jesus knew Nicodemus—for He knows all things and all men—and told him at once that there is only one way to get into Heaven. There must be a complete change wrought in every man by some one outside, for the sinner is like a dead man with no hope inside; only going to corruption and getting worse every day. This change must be a new birth, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

So the only hope is in the Holy Spirit, who cannot be seen any more than the wind; but who alone can perform this wonderful regeneration or making over new. Nicodemus could not understand such a thing, but we can, for we have the Spirit's statement in His Book, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." And He also says of Jesus, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born of God.

And then Jesus told Nicodemus plainly the way to be saved. He reminded him of the time when the Jews had sinned against God, and He had sent fiery serpents into their camp, which were biting and killing the people; and when they had no hope they called on God, and He told Moses to put a brass serpent on a pole so that every one could see it, and whosoever looked on it was saved. And then Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish; but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

When Jesus was afterwards lifted up on the cross, and paid our debt, all people could know just what He meant by believing and being born again.

There are two men now in Heaven with Jesus, who had the greatest earthly honor ever conferred on any one. They are Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea; two of His disciples, secretly for fear of the Jews. When the other disciples had forsaken Him, these two men begged His body of Pilate, and gently taking it from the cross, wrapped it in burial clothes with costly spices, and laid it in a new tomb hewn out of the rock.

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International S. S. Lesson for January 29th, 1899.

Jesus at Jacob's Well—John 4 : 5-15.

Read to 43d verse.

Golden Text—"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."—John 4 : 14.

As Jesus wished to go from Judea, where He had been teaching and baptizing with His disciples; to Galilee, a northern province, "He must needs go through Samaria," lying between. He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near which was a piece of land once owned by Jacob, the Father of the Israelites, who had temporarily dwelt there and dug a well.

Jesus came to this well about noon, and being "wearied with His journey" sat down to rest, while His disciples went into the city to buy food. How blessed, as we became wearied with our journey, to know that Jesus can sympathize with us, especially if like Paul "in journeyings often" and "in weariness" in His work we have fellowship with Him.

"A woman of Samaria" came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give Me to drink." The woman thought it strange request as "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans," but as "God so loved the world" as to give His Son to die for it, "there is no respect of persons with God," nor any outside the reach of the Saviour's love, nor the love of His disciples.

Jesus spoke to her of "the gift of God" which "is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," of which she knew not or she would "have asked of Him the living water." She was like many whom "the god of this world hath blinded . . . lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ should shine unto them."

The loving words of Jesus are ringing still along the years, "If any man thirst let Him come unto Me and drink," and even before His day Isaiah cried, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

The poor sin-blinded woman could not understand Jesus, but thought He referred to the well on which He sat. While forgetting weariness and thirst He patiently and lovingly told her that unlike the water from Jacob's well, whoever drank of it would thirst again; while the water that He should give would be "a well of water springing up into everlasting life, a soul-satisfying fountain, the possessor of which shall never thirst."

Moreover, out of him who drinketh the Living Water "shall flow rivers" to refresh and enliven others. Shall we not appropriate the words of the woman, "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not." "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

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	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MAIL P. M.	
Philadelphia	‡7 25	‖10.20	‖1.52	‖3.46	‖5.55	‖11.10
Baltimore	6.25	8.23	12 05	3.00	4:20	7.52
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6.55	11.56
Farmhurst	‡ 8.32		‡ 2.44		7.04	
New Castle	8 27	‖11.21	2.49	4.39	7.19	
State Road	‡8.33		‡ 2.54		7:1	
Bear	‡8.38		‡ 2.59	‡ 4.48	7:1	
Porter	8.45		3.04	4.52	7:2	
Kirkwood	8.50		‡ 3.09		7:3	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		‡ 3.17		7:3	
Armstrong	‡ 9:03				7:4	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	‡ 7:48	12.39
Townsend	9 17		3.34	5 28	‡ 7:56	
Blackbird	‡ 9.22		‡ 3.39		8:01	
Gr'n Spring	‡ 9.27		‡ 3.45		‡8:07	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	3.55	5.42	8.18	12.57
Smyrna, LV	9 23	11.57	3.41	5 21	8:05	
Brenford	‡9.38		‡ 3 59		‡8:18	
Cheswold	‡9.43		‡ 4.04		‡8:24	
Dupont			‡ 4.0			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8:34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	‖12.29	4.20	6.06	8:40	a 1.24
Woodside	‖10 11			‡ 6.11	‡8.47	
Viola	‖10.15			‡ 6.15	‡8.51	
Felton	10 20	‖12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	‖10 42	a 1.00		‡ 6.41	‡9.15	
Greenwood	‖10.50	‡ 1.08		‡ 6.49	‡9.23	
Bridgeville	10.58	‡ 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.14
Cannons	‖11 08			‡ 7.02	‡9.36	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7.11	9.45	2.26
Laurel	11.23	‡ 1.37		7.21	9.55	a 2.38
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10 05	2.50

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	‖11.08		‡7.00	‖8.00	‡2 15	‖3.30
Laurel	‡ 1.21		7.11	8.10	‡ 2.25	3.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2 35	3.56
Cannons			‡ 7.31	‡ 8.31		‡4.04
Bridgeville	‡ 1.48		7.37	8 37	‡ 2.46	4.11
Greenwood			‡7.45	‡ 8.45	‡ 2.54	‡ 4.19
Farmington			‡ 7.53	‡ 8.53		‡ 4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	4:40
Felton	‡ 2.33		8.14	9.16	‡ 3.18	4:49
Viola			‡8.18	‡ 9.20		‡4:53
Woodside			‡8.22	‡ 9.24		‡ 4:57
Wyoming	‖2:46	‖6.57	8.39	9.31	‡ 3.30	5:05
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Brenford		‡7.18		‡ 9.36		‡ 5:25
Smyrna, LV		7.15	8.42	9 50	3.41	5:21
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.53	10.00	3.54	5:31
Gr'n Spring		‡7.29				‡ 5:37
Blackbird		17.35		‡10.09		‡ 5:43
Townsend		7.40	9 06	10 14	4.07	5:50
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9.15	10.24	4.16	5:58
Armstrong		17.54				‡ 6:2
Mt. Pleasant		7.58		‡10 33		‡ 6:06
Kirkwood		8.08		10.42		6:16
Porter		8.15	9 34	10 48	4.34	6:22
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